

WASHINGTON.

THE HARD-MONEY REPEAL BILLS.

WHAT THEY THINK AT THE TREASURY AS TO ITS PASSING THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY OF THE HONEST MONEY THALANX IN THE SENATE. (FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Considerable interest and anxiety are shown in the Treasury Department on the tendency of the Democrats in Congress to repeal the act for resuming specie payments in 1879. Four bills have already been presented in the House to repeal that act, one by Mr. Southard of Ohio, one by Mr. Holman of Indiana, one by Mr. Bright of Tennessee, and one by Mr. Landers of Indiana. Mr. Cox has been reported as intending also to introduce a similar bill on the reassembling of Congress. No such step, however, is contemplated. The subject will be considered in the Committee of Banking and Currency, but he will present no such bill unless instructed to do so by the Committee, which is hardly within reason.

The principal officers in the Treasury are opposed to the repeal, and believe in the practicability of the law. Of course the Secretary has already given his views on the subject, but does not hazard an opinion as to what Congress will do. Dr. Linderman, Director of the Mint, upon whom will rest in a greater or less degree the responsibility of handling the production of bullion, and being ready with a sufficient quantity of coin, has devoted much time to the subject, and has a very good idea of the temper of the House on the money question. He says he fears that a repeal bill will pass the House, and that it is by no means certain that it will not pass the Senate. He says it is an important matter to be considered, and that the hard-money men ought to begin to know where the Senate stands. Mr. Knox, Controller of the Currency, has talked with members quite freely, but is not satisfied in his own mind whether the repeal bill will go through either House or not. He thinks there is no immediate danger of it, and that there is no doubt it will occasion a long debate.

Mr. New, the Treasurer of the United States, says he is confident the House is quite largely opposed to the Resumption act, and he has great fear that there are enough "weak-kneed" Republicans in the Senate to give a majority in favor of its repeal. He says if gold falls to 112 or below that figure silver currency will be as plentiful as required. Senator Morton, who is about half way between a hard-money and a soft-money man, says that the financial question has no interest now, that Senators do not talk about it, and that there is no way of forecasting the course on that subject. He has no opinion to express.

SOUTHERN CLAIMS.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS—INFLUENCE OF PUBLIC OPINION UPON THE WORK OF THE BOARD. (FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The annual report of the Southern Claims Commission for the year ending June 30, 1875, is now in the hands of the Clerk of the House, and will probably be presented by the Speaker on the reassembling of Congress. The following table shows the result of the Commission's work for the year:

No. of Cases.	Amount.	Disbursed.	Balance.
Alabama.	2,715,735.00	4,397,845.07	1,682,110.07
Arkansas.	470,413.17	38,470.00	431,943.17
California.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Florida.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Georgia.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Illinois.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Indiana.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Iowa.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Kentucky.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Louisiana.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Mississippi.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Missouri.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Nebraska.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Nevada.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
New Hampshire.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
New Jersey.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
New Mexico.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
New York.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
North Carolina.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Ohio.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Oregon.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Rhode Island.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
South Carolina.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Texas.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Vermont.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Virginia.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Washington.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
West Virginia.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Wisconsin.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Wyoming.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00
Total.	1,111,111.11	1,111,111.11	0.00

The number of cases disposed of and the amount allowed are only about one-half as large this year as were stated by the reports of 1872, 1873, and 1874. Why this is, it is impossible to say. Perhaps the criticisms of some of the Commissioners by the press, and the enactment of a law requiring all of the Commissioners to sign every report, may have caused them to be more careful than heretofore. It will be remembered that the President in his last message refers to the allowing of claims by the Southern Claims Commission, and says that "nothing is more certain than that a very large percentage of the amounts passed and paid are either wholly fraudulent or are far in excess of the real losses sustained."

This criticism on the Court of Claims is believed to be unjust, but there is no doubt that it might be to the detriment of the Southern Claims Commission, before whom a majority of the claims which the President seemed to have in his mind have come.

The amount of claims that were filed with the Southern Claims Commission was about \$60,000,000, of which from 12,000 to 14,000, amounting to about \$40,000,000, are still undischarged. Although the Commission cannot adjudicate all of these before March 3, 1877, when it expires by limitation, there will probably be little inclination to continue it beyond that time.

RANK WITHFIELD FROM THE NAVY STAFF. THE ANNOYANCES OF THE STAFF CHIEFS ON SHIPBOARD—OPPOSITION OF LINE OFFICERS TO RANK BEING GRANTED. (FROM THE REGULAR CORRESPONDENT OF THE TRIBUNE.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Several recent acts of the Secretary of the Navy show more disposition to recognize the justice of some of the claims made by the Staff Corps than has been apparent since the days when Mr. Bore was Secretary, and at the instance of Admiral Porter, issued a series of orders calculated to annoy the engineers, surgeons, and paymasters, and make their position more unpleasant than it had been before. What the Staff Corps ask for, and what it seems right should be given them, is positive rank, such as is held by members of the Staff Corps of the army. They do not now have. An engineer, under the present law, is not a lieutenant, nor a captain, nor a commander, and never can be. He "ranks with" officers of these grades, but does not have the same pay, and he receives, and is not admitted to the line to have the privileges of members of the ranks named. The same is true of the other Staff Corps.

The same considerations which influenced Congress to give to the Staff Corps of the army positive rank, should secure it for the corresponding officers in the navy, and would have done so long ago had it not been for the opposition of officers of the line and their personal influence in Washington. But even if no change is made, it is in the power of the Navy Department to remove many of the annoyances to which members of the Staff Corps have been subjected, and there seems now to be a disposition to do so. For instance, it is well known that the most of our ships of war the captains have personally very little to do with the navigation of the vessel, the discipline of the crew, or with any of the duties which it would be natural to suppose would devolve upon him. These are all delegated to an executive officer, who is generally a junior in rank and years of service. Of course, the captain is the responsible officer, but he generally troubles himself as little as possible, and is, in fact, a little monarch on shipboard. This state of things probably grew out of the practice in European countries of promoting the sons of noblemen and other favored persons so rapidly that they were unable to learn the art of navigation, even if they felt an inclination to do so. In such cases as this it was necessary to have an executive officer capable of taking the place of the captain. The same system has been copied in the American navy, though the captain for it does not exist. It makes the captain on board most of our naval ships a mere figurehead, with whom the other officers, except the executive officer, do not come in contact in the line of duty, nor socially unless the captain is willing to permit it. The executive officer on a ship of war always ranks all the other line officers except the captain, so that it is no degradation for them to go to him for permission to see the captain, if they desire to do so on business, or to go aboard, or to ask any other privilege. But the executive officer on board a ship often ranks higher than the executive officer, though never as high as the captain; and to require them to ask permission to speak to the captain, or to go aboard, from one who is his junior in rank, and yet in years of service, is, of course, very disagreeable. And yet it has been done, for years, and it is a matter of fact that some of the line officers have been ordered to go aboard a ship to see the captain, and to report to him on the state of the ship, and to do so by the order of the executive officer. This is a very absurd and unjust state of things, and it is to be hoped that it will be corrected.

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Mr. Thayer returned to his duties in the outer office, as soon as the meeting was over, and remained there until 6 o'clock, when he started as usual for the Troy train. On the steps of the State House, as he stepped to button up his overcoat against the soft snow-fall that was just beginning, the Governor's messenger accosted him and formally served the following paper upon him:

STATE OF NEW-YORK, EXECUTIVE CHAMBER. I, the Governor, do hereby suspend you from the office of Auditor of the Canal Fund, until further order of the Board of Canal Commissioners.

Run: I am instructed by the Governor to transmit to you the enclosed certified copy of the order of your suspension from the office of Auditor of the Canal Fund, and to request you to sign and return to the Governor's messenger the enclosed acknowledgment of the receipt of